

PEACE NOTE BERNSTORFF'S

Informal, Unofficial Message
Sent Out as a
Feeler

TO GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE

This Is the Conclusion at
Washington After
an Inquiry

Washington, Feb. 13.—"German propaganda" describes concisely the alleged note from Germany, which was given wide publication last Saturday, proposing that the Berlin government and the Washington government discuss methods of preventing war between the two countries. Investigation yesterday led to only one conclusion, that the alleged peace proposal was formulated by former Ambassador Von Bernstorff as a "feeler" and that Dr. Ritter, the Swiss minister, who has taken over the conduct of the affairs of the German embassy, presented the message informally and unofficially to a representative of the administration. So far as any public statement is concerned, the state department knows nothing of the message which was given out by a press association.

BRITISH TONNAGE LOSS.

Showed Substantial Decrease During the
First Eight Months of Year.

London, Feb. 13.—"The returns of the port of London for the past eight months will not encourage the hopes of the Germans of starving London or ruining its trade by the depredations of submarines," says the latest report of the port of London authority on conditions at the great London docks.

The tonnage entering and leaving the port shows a substantial decrease as compared with the preceding year, but the quantity of goods actually unloaded shows a decrease of only 3 per cent, the tonnage being 1,829,000 this year, as compared with 1,885,000 last year. Prohibitions on the import of several classes of merchandise have been in force during this period, and have undoubtedly affected the figures appreciably.

The stock of goods, especially food stuffs, in the public warehouses has actually increased 22 per cent, being 687,000 tons against 564,000. The present

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This combination is of such a character that all the ingredients work together in perfect harmony, and are absolutely harmless. No opiates, no heart-depressants, no habit-forming drugs. At druggists'. 200 doses \$2.—Adv.

stocks are the largest in the history of the docks of London.

As compared with pre-war times, the traffic of the port of London has increased from 1,549,000 tons in 1913 to 1,829,000 for the corresponding period this year.

The detailed report indicates increases in receipts of most articles of food. Wheat, sugar, rice, cheese, and cocoa all show an improvement. Meat and tea show a decrease.

The supply of timber is of next importance to foodstuffs, says the report. Difficulty in handling has been acute in this respect, owing largely to the enlistment of one-third of the 700 timber porters, who handle and stack the timber after it has been discharged by the stevedores.

The irregularity of the arrival of timber-laden ships has also been a trying factor. A few days ago 13 timber vessels arrived at the docks on a single tide. But in spite of such difficulties, the stock of timber at the docks has increased from about 200,000 tons to more than 350,000 tons.

Much of the work of the docks is now being done by soldiers from some of the numerous dock laborers' battalions specially recruited for work of this kind here and in France.

General Sporting Notes.

In the past two years there has been one pitcher in the major leagues who has been able to win over 30 games. His name is Grover Cleveland Alexander. There isn't any question that he is the most valuable piece of pitching material in the game to-day, and probably is the best in the pastime since the season of 1914. If Alexander isn't worth \$12,000 to \$15,000 a year, then the average box seat is not worth 10 cents a game. Alexander has been content to drift along at a moderate salary through his years of prosperity. If his services are not worth the reward then the game, from the player's standpoint, is hardly worth while.

The amateur rule, which would disparage a tennis player who deals in sporting goods, has been defeated by the United States Lawn Tennis association in its annual meeting in New York. The vote was upon a rule proposed by the executive committee which would have provided that "any person engaged in the handling, buying or selling of tennis goods after April 1, 1918, shall during the time he is so engaged be ineligible to play in any open or invitation tournament or team match given under the auspices of the United States Lawn Tennis association."

Manager C. H. Day of the Brown tennis team has announced an attractive schedule for the coming season. Thirteen dual meets have been arranged, two more than last year, with Michigan appearing on the home courts for the big event. The Dartmouth tennis team also goes to Providence, while double meets with Tufts, M. I. T., Holy Cross and a trip to Syracuse have been arranged. Prospects for a strong team are bright, with most of the old players back in college and more than the usual amount of good material available in the freshman class. Practice will soon commence on the indoor courts which have recently come under the control of D. E. Jones and Malcolm Chase, old-time Brown tennis players.

SEVEN RESCUED BY SHACKLETON

Describes Hardships of the
Men Marooned in the
Antarctic

THREE OF THE PARTY DIED

Two Trapped in the Ice—
Clergyman Scoury
Victim

London, Feb. 13.—Sir Ernest Shackleton has sent details from Wellington, New Zealand, of the achievements of his expedition undertaken to rescue the men marooned on the Antarctic continent when the Aurora broke from her moorings in May, 1915.

Shackleton's expedition has rescued seven of the explorers. Three of the party—Capt. Mackintosh, Richard Hayward and Rev. Spencer Smith—died. The rest of the party are all well, including H. E. Ridd, Ernest Joyce, O. Stevens, J. L. Cope, Commissariat Officer Gaze, Richards, the secretary, and Jack, the biologist.

Capt. Mackintosh and his companions had gone to lay depots for the use of Shackleton's transcontinental expedition. This expedition was expected to reach Cape Evans by June 1. The Mackintosh party experienced the keenest hardships, the worst coming in October, 1915, while they were in the south laying depots. The last depot was laid at Mount Hope, where two of Scott's sledges were found. The sledges were the only traces found of the Scott expedition.

Scoury attacked the party on the return journey in January. Rev. Spencer Smith became so helpless he had to be lashed to a sledge. Captain Mackintosh, was able to continue pulling the sledge at Bluff depot and about thirty miles from where Scott perished. The party was overtaken by a fierce blizzard, which continued from Feb. 17 to March 1, with the temperature 30 degrees below zero.

As their fuel and provisions were almost gone the party camped only six days and on Feb. 21 started to fight its way through the storm to the depot eleven miles away. From survivors Shackleton has learned that soon after the party started Mackintosh fell in his tracks. He and Smith were left with Wild to look after them, while Joyce, Richards and Hayward, with four starving dogs, strove to reach the depot. Finding crumbs and tea was the only food left.

The depot was sighted by the advancing members of the party in a brief clearance of the storm on Feb. 26. With food and oil from the depot a return journey was undertaken for Mackintosh and Smith. Then Hayward broke down. Joyce and Richards, pulling with the dogs, reached the camp on Feb. 29. Mackintosh and Smith were helpless and without food.

Another advance was undertaken with Mackintosh and Smith lashed to the sledge. The party was at first helped by a sledge sail, but this became useless as the wind fell. Three men pulling at the sledges were unable to move them. Mackintosh offered to remain behind to give the other sick men a chance. He was left behind in a tent with three weeks' provisions forty miles from safety.

The party pushed on, all members weak from scurvy. Smith died on March 9 after forty-seven days' illness. Hut Point was reached on March 11, where vegetables and meat were procured. Joyce, Wild and Richards started back for Mackintosh and were successful. All were safe at Hut Point on March 18. Shackleton gives a tribute to men and dogs whose loyalty and endurance saved Mackintosh and Hayward at this time.

The party had been sledging from Sept. 1, 1915, to March 18, 1916, under the worst possible conditions and had covered 1,560 statute miles and succeeded in laying the depot at Mount Hope, thus achieving the object of the Ross sea expedition.

Mackintosh and Hayward died after their worst experience was over. They were overtaken by a blizzard on their journey to Cape Evans across the sea ice. They started this trip on May 8, when weather conditions were fine. On May 10 the rest of the party at Hut Point decided to follow.

The found the tracks of Mackintosh and Hayward abruptly terminated in open water, and on May 15, their worst fears were realized when they reached Cape Evans and found that Mackintosh and Hayward had not arrived. Searches revealed nothing of the missing men. Shackleton concludes that the loss of the men was due to the breaking of young ice and its driving north under the influence of the blizzard.

CANADIAN PULP WOOD SCARCE.

No Supply for United States Paper Mills After October Next.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 13.—That United States pulp and paper mills purchasing their pulp wood from Canadian sources will be unable to secure any such raw materials after October next is a statement officially endorsed by the Canadian Pulp and Paper association, a national body representative of the industry in all parts of the Dominion. The scarcity of pulp wood in this country is due to difficulty of cutting owing to an unusually severe winter and heavy fall of snow, and a serious tangle in the railway transportation facilities. Difficulty of getting cars or having them hauled to the United States border would in itself be sufficient to embarrass the numerous American companies who, owning no limits in Canada, are compelled to buy their pulp wood in the open market. Labor is also phenomenally scarce, the government having sent to England and France thousands of expert wood-cutters in the "forestry battalions."

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The old family remedy—in tablet form—safe, sure, easy to take. No opiates—no unpleasant after-effects. Cures colds in 24 hours—Grip in 3 days. Money back if it fails. Get the genuine box with Red Top and Mr. Hill's picture on it—25 cents. At Any Drug Store

END INDIGESTION OR STOMACH PAIN IN FIVE MINUTES

"Pape's Diapiesin" Makes Sick, Sour,
Gassy Stomachs Feel
Fine

Time it! In five minutes your sour, acid stomach feels fine. No indigestion, heartburn, or belching of gas, or eructations of undigested food, no dizziness, bloating, foul breath or headache.

Pape's Diapiesin is noted for its speed in sweetening upset stomachs. It is the surest, quickest and most certain stomach antacid in the whole world and besides it is harmless.

Millions of men and women now eat their favorite foods without fear—they know Pape's Diapiesin will save them from such misery.

Please, for your sake, get a large fifty-cent case of Pape's Diapiesin from any drug store and put your stomach right. Don't keep on being miserable—life is too short—you are not here long, so make your stay agreeable. Eat what you like and enjoy it, without dread of acid fermentation in the stomach.

Pape's Diapiesin belongs in your home, anyway. Should one of the family eat something which doesn't agree with them or in case of an attack of indigestion, dyspepsia, gastritis or stomach derangement due to fermentation and acidity, at daytime or during the night, it is handy to give the quickest, surest relief known.—Adv.

HOUSE REVENUE BILL IS BEING REDRAFTED

It Was Taken Up By the Senate Finance
Committee Yesterday.

Washington, Feb. 13.—The House revenue bill providing \$350,000,000 additional funds to meet the expected treasury deficit was being redrafted by the Senate finance committee yesterday along modified lines injected by Senate Democrats at a caucus Sunday night.

The measure will limit the "excess profits" tax on corporations to expire automatically in four years and provides that 12½ per cent tax on munition makers' profits shall be discontinued six months after peace instead of one year. The Senate leaders also exempted mutual insurance companies from the "excess profits" tax if profits are distributed to policy holders.

Democratic Senators are pledged to support the revenue bill as amended, except the Underwood provision reducing the tax on oleomargarine from ten to two cents a pound.

THE GAY KHATTAKS

Furnish Some Interesting Color in British Army Life in Mesopotamia.

British Headquarters in Mesopotamia, Feb. 13 (British eye-witness).—The Khattaks are the dandies of the Indian army. They are like the Celts of the British army, reckless, generous, imprudent, mercurial, altogether a friendly and responsive sort of people, but with the queer kink that one finds in all Pathans, that primitive sensitive point of honor or shame which puzzles the psychologist.

The Khattaks keep their spirits up all through the hot weather. They are too lively sometimes. As soon as the drum and oboe sound they start cat-calling and make their work fly. The Khattaks are as responsive to the oboe as the Highlanders to the bagpipe, but they are more demonstrative. It is a good thing to be near when the Khattak Rifles leave camp. At the first sound of the drum and oboe they break into a wild treble shriek, tailing off, perhaps, with the balalaika, the Pathan imitation of the gurgling of the camel.

These tribesmen are easily excited, seldom dispirited, and if so, only for a short time. Their eagerness is sometimes a positive danger during an attack. At Sheikh Saad it was difficult to hold the Khattak company back while the regiment on their left was coming up; they were all for going ahead and breaking the line; and in the end it was a premature sortie of the Khattaks that precipitated the assault.

Old Shere Khan, a typical Khattak, the other day killed right inside the regimental lines a rival for his wife's affections, and he could not have done anything else. The man's offense carried its own sentence in the minds of all decent thinking Khattaks. Before the deed the subadar major begged the adjutant to get the rival, Sher Gul, well away before night; otherwise, he said, there would be trouble, but the adjutant could not look into the case until the next morning. In the meantime, to safeguard Sher Gul, he told the subadar to see that 20 stout men slept around his bed.

The subadar made it 50, but to no avail. At 1 in the morning the adjutant was called out quietly to see the remains of Sher Gul. His head was lying on the edge of the bed, a hatchet imbedded in the skull. He had been killed with 50 men sleeping round him. They had all slept like the dead, and nobody had heard the blow. There was no evidence against Shere Khan whatever; public opinion was on his side.

"Zam, Zam and Zar"—land, women and gold—according to the Persian proverb, are at the bottom of all outrage, and with nine Khattaks out of ten, it is zam. The Khattak thinks no end of his personal appearance. He dresses to kill, and loves to go and parade in the bazaar in his gala kit. He will spend hours over his toilet, peering at himself in the glass all the while without a trace of self-consciousness, though his neighbors may be almost as interested in the performance as he. Then, with his hair neatly oiled and trim to the level of the lobe of his ear, he will stride forth in his flowery waistcoat of plum color or maroon velvet with golden braid, spotless white baggy trousers, a flower behind his ear, a red handkerchief in his pocket, a cane in his hand, and for headgear a high Koh-lungpak with yellow and crimson ends, and a kulla covered with gold.

Every Khattak is a bit of a blood. In a country a showy exterior betokens the gallant in both senses of the word. A woman of parts will not look at a man unless he has served in the army or is at least something of a buccaner.

The vital organs of two pet deer, which died at the summer home of G. Tracy Rogers in Chittenden, showed no trace of poison when examined by Dr. B. H. Stone at the state laboratory of hygiene, and it is probable that the animals died of natural causes.

CROSS, FEVERISH CHILD IS BILIOUS OR CONSTIPATED

Look, Mother! If Tongue Is Coated,
Give "California Syrup of
Figs"

Every mother realizes, after giving her children "California Syrup of Figs," that this is their ideal laxative, because they love its pleasant taste and it thoroughly cleanses the tender little stomach, liver and bowels without gripping.

When cross, irritable, feverish or breath is bad, stomach sour, look at the tongue, mother! If coated, give a teaspoonful of this harmless "fruit laxative," and in a few hours all the foul, constipated waste, sour bile and undigested food passes out of the bowels, and you have a well, playful child again. When its little system is full of cold, throat sore, has stomach ache, diarrhea, indigestion, colic—remember, a good "inside cleansing" should always be the first treatment given.

Millions of mothers keep "California Syrup of Figs" handy; they know a teaspoonful to-day saves a sick child to-morrow. Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has directions for babies, children of all ages and grown-ups printed on the bottle. Beware of counterfeits sold here, so don't be fooled. Get the genuine, made by "California Fig Syrup Company."—Adv.

CHINESE REPUBLIC BREAKS WITH BERLIN

Severance of Diplomatic Relations with
Germany Authoritatively
Reported.

London, Feb. 13.—China has broken off diplomatic relations with Germany, it was authoritatively reported here yesterday afternoon.

Rutland Family Destitute.

An almost unbelievable state of destitution in Rutland was found Monday by Trust Officer Charles B. Costello, who was hunting up children who were reported as being absent from school.

"At the home of Mrs. Nettie Hunt of Howe street," Mr. Costello said, "I found ice on the kitchen and dining-room floors, the house absolutely devoid of heat and the mother in bed, as were the four children. A man who makes his home at the house answered the bell and was not desirous of letting me enter, but I was obliged to do so. I was convinced that he was defying the law by offering opposition. There was nothing in the house to furnish material for a fire and the man was huddled up in what covering he had and shivering while waiting for the wood, which he stated he expected soon."

When Mr. Costello interviewed a boy 14 years of age, the lad said that they had not as yet had anything to eat during the morning and it was then nearly 11 o'clock.

The father of the children was killed in a railroad accident a few years ago and the mother came to Rutland a little over two years ago to be near lawyers who secured for her a comparatively small sum of money in a settlement with the railroad. This is evidently gone.

As Mrs. Hunt, according to the authorities, has never been self-supporting since coming to Rutland, she still is subject for support to the town of Rockingham, her former home, and the town officials have stated to Overseer of the Poor John J. Hickey of this city that they will not provide for her if she remains in Rutland.

Slipping Into a Good Thing

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land. If she will return to the town they will care for her.
In the meantime, four children between the ages of four and 14 years are suffering for the lack of food, heat and the necessities of mere existence.

NEW AMBASSADOR.

Bonillas Instead of Arredondo Will Represent Mexico.

Washington, Feb. 13.—Ignacio Bonillas, one of General Carranza's representatives on the Mexican-American joint commission, has been named ambassador from Mexico to the United States.

Ramon de Nagri, who has been in charge of the Mexican embassy since the departure of Eliseo Arredondo, ambassador designate, was informed yesterday of Mr. Bonillas' appointment.

Mr. Bonillas is now at Palm Beach, Fla. It is expected he will come to Washington this week to present his credentials at almost the same time Henry P. Fletcher, the American ambassador to Mexico, is received by the Mexican government. He was educated at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and married an American woman.

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